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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Jane Hulon Sims

Former Co-Lin presidents Dr. Howell Garner, Dr. Billy B. Thames, current president Dr. Jane Hulon Sims and former president Dr. Ronnie Nettles.

Greetings from Co-Lin! I am so excited about this school year and all that it holds for us as an institution. As I began my fifth year as Co-Lin's president, I've reflected on the progress made in the last few years and am eager to build upon that. My challenge to our faculty and staff this school year is "Good to Great." I want to see us take Co-Lin to the next level from a good institution to a GREAT institution! We ask ourselves, "What can we do each day to position Co-Lin for an even greater impact?"

Part of that includes our celebration of the Natchez campus this year. As you can see on the cover, this fall we are celebrating 50 years since opening the Natchez campus. We have hosted events for students, former employees, alumni and the community and will continue to celebrate this special milestone all year. We are so proud of all we've been able to accomplish in the last 50 years of serving Adams County and the Miss-Lou area and look forward to many more years of success for Co-Lin in Natchez.

We are looking forward to our Homecoming activities this year and hope you will join us. Please "pardon our progress" as you'll see lots of exciting upgrades happening around campus, particularly around Stone Stadium and Sullivan Baseball Field. Our Back the Pack athletic campaign is ongoing as we work on comprehensive upgrades to all our athletic facilities. We are excited about the opportunities these improvements will create for our student athletes, coaches and fans. Thank you to the individuals and businesses who have already supported this effort. I hope you will all consider giving Back to the Pack as we work toward taking Co-Lin from good to GREAT!

Jane Hulon Sims

Homecoming 2022
Schedule of Events

Help us celebrate all week long!

Monday, Oct. 3
Movie Night
Stone Stadium
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 4
Glow Run 5K
Co-Lin Corridor
5:30 p.m. — Registration
6:00 p.m. — Race begins
A bonfire, smores and music by the Sojourners to follow.

Wednesday, Oct. 5
Pep Rally
Co-Lin Corridor
12:20 p.m.
Led by the Blue Wave Show Band and the Wolf Pack Cheerleaders

Friday, Oct. 7
Golf Tournament
Wolf Hollow
9 a.m.
Sponsored by Co-Lin Golf Team

Check out our website for more information about our homecoming celebration.

Thursday, October 6

10:30 a.m. **Retiree Brunch**
President's Home
Free and open to all Co-Lin retirees

2:00 p.m. **Alumni Chapter Meetings**

Athletic Alumni Association	Band/Colette Alumni Chapter
Henley Building, H-2	Anderson Building

3:15 p.m. **Alumni Awards Reception**
Thames Center
Free and open to all Co-Lin alumni and friends
3:15 p.m. — Check-in and social time
3:45 p.m. — Awards program
Alumnus of the Year
Sports Hall of Fame
Band/Colette honorees
50-Year Class
4:30 p.m. — Alumni Association annual business meeting

5:00 p.m. **Community-wide tailgate**
Stone Stadium
Free and open to all Co-Lin alumni and friends
Live music by Four Way Stop, burgers sponsored by Alfa Insurance, kids activities and entertainment
6:00 p.m. — Band leads pep rally

Co-Lin Wolf Pack *versus* MGCCC Bulldogs
Stone Stadium | 6:30 p.m.
Pre-game recognition of Sports Hall of Fame Inductees
Halftime presentation of 2022 Homecoming Queen and Court
Halftime show featuring Blue Wave Show Band

Alumnus of the Year

Dr. Michael Anthony Henderson

Dr. Michael Anthony Henderson, of Williamston, Michigan, originally of Brookhaven, was selected as Copiah-Lincoln Community College's 2022 Alumnus of the Year. He will be recognized during Homecoming on Thursday, Oct. 6 at the Alumni Association Awards Reception at 3:15 p.m. in the Thames Center on the college's Wesson campus.

Henderson is a 1978 graduate of Co-Lin where he was elected by his peers to Co-Lin's Hall of Fame. He was also chosen as campus favorite and served on the Student Government Association. He was selected for Who's Who among students in American Junior Colleges. He served as co-chair of the President's Council, charter president of Alpha Omega, secretary of the Men's Resident Council and photographer for the Wolf Tales and the Trillium. He was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the marching band, concert orchestra, jazz band, and the Christian Fellowship Club. He credits his time at Co-Lin as critical in preparing him to enter medical school at Michigan State University. One of his most influential instructors was Dr. Phyllis Lanier, an outstanding chemistry professor who challenged and inspired countless numbers of students to reach their potential.

After Co-Lin, he attended the Millsaps College, where he received a Bachelor of Science in general chemistry. He taught Latin for one year in the Brookhaven School District before attending Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed an internship with Detroit Osteopathic Hospital before entering their residency program in 1987. He then went on to complete a fellowship in medical imaging at Michigan State University's Department of Radiology.

Most of his career has been practicing in small community hospitals, a choice Henderson made because people within those communities have often been overlooked. It is important to Henderson to have someone present that can recognize a need to refer that patient to a tertiary care facility in a timely manner.

He is a fellow of the American Osteopathic Board of Radiology, where he serves as a member of the board of directors, as section leader for the Gastrointestinal Section, and as a member of the Radiology Case of the Week committee. He has also previously served as a member of the membership committee. Additionally, he is board certified by the National Board of Osteopathic Medicine.

Henderson also serves on the board of directors at Peckham, Inc., and he is a past board member for the Capital Area Humane Society. He continues to be involved with Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he is the co-chair of Strategic Enrollment Planning for Diversity, a member of the admissions interview team, and a clinical associate professor in radiology. His professional memberships include the American Osteopathic College of Radiology, the American College of Radiology, the American Osteopathic Association, The Radiological Society of North America, the Michigan State Medical Society, the Mid-Michigan Radiology Society and the Gifted and Talented Advisory Board of Ingham County (emeritus).

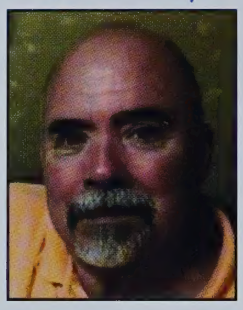
He and his wife, Susan, have two children, David Rastall and Thomas Rastall.

For more information on Homecoming events, call (601) 643-8313 or visit www.colin.edu

Sports Hall of Fame

Chris Caughman

Latoria Holder



Tim Johnson*

Matt Mooney

Chandler Rogers

Band & Colette Honorees

Hall of Fame
Rebecca Yarbrough

Young Alumnus of the Year
Robert D. Bush

*Deceased

Foundation, Alumni Office restructures

The Co-Lin Foundation and Alumni Relations recently promoted Sarah Johnson ('10) to Finance and Scholarships Coordinator and welcomed Julia Miller as Communications and Alumni Relations Coordinator.

Johnson, a native of Ruth, graduated from Co-Lin in 2010 where she was a Mississippi Scholar, received the Top Seven Business Award, and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Johnson graduated from Mississippi State University in 2012, where she majored in Apparel, Textiles and Merchandising and minored in General Business Administration. Johnson has more than 10 years of office management experience working for Providence Hills Farm and Ranch Supply. Johnson is a member of Topisaw Baptist Church where she teaches Mission Friends.

Johnson

Miller

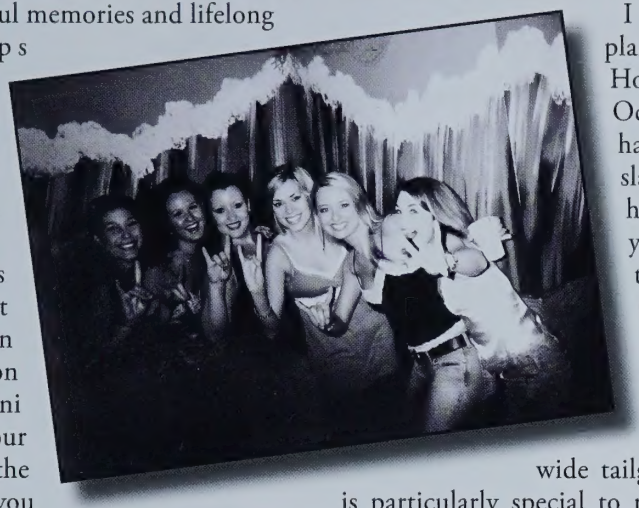
Miller, a native of Brookhaven, graduated from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a minor in General Business Administration. She was a member of the Shackhouls Honors College, Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women and held several leadership positions at The Reflector. She also received a Master of Fine Arts from the Mississippi University for Women, where she studied both fiction and nonfiction creative writing. She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and served as an editor of Ponder Review. She also works as a freelance writer and dance instructor at Brookhaven Dance Academy. She and her husband, Reilly, have two children, Helen and John Reilly, and they are members of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.

@CoLinAlumni

Be sure to keep up with the latest Co-Lin Foundation and Alumni news and announcements on social media by following us today!

Hello Alumni and Friends,

The fall semester at Co-Lin is off and running! Welcoming new and returning students to our campuses in the fall never gets old. They are excited to join the Wolf Pack, and I wish for them the same wonderful memories and lifelong friendships made here that so many of us have experienced over the years.



A lot has happened at Co-Lin and in the Foundation and Alumni office since our last issue of the Colinian. As you can see, we've made some changes to our staff: Office Manager Sarah Johnson ('10) was promoted to Finance and Scholarships Coordinator, and we welcomed Julia Miller to our team as Communications and Alumni Relations coordinator. I am excited about working with these ladies to continue to serve you and the college and am looking forward to the fresh perspective they bring to their new roles. We have some changes to this magazine up our sleeves before the next issue, so be sure to stay up to date on your alumni dues so you don't miss it in your mailbox.

I hope you'll plan to join us for Homecoming on October 6. We have an excellent slate of alumni honorees that you don't want to miss, along with food and fun for the whole family at our community-wide tailgate. This year is particularly special to me because it's my own 20th reunion year! It does not feel like 20 years have passed since I was a student at Co-Lin. Stopping to reflect on that milestone makes me even more thankful for my time here both as a student and employee, and the relationships I've made along the way. I know those of you celebrating your own reunion years will agree that Co-Lin was, is, and always will be "The Place to Be." Come back and join me to celebrate this year at Homecoming!

Angela Furr

Angela Davis Furr('02)
Executive Director of Foundation | Alumni Relations

Angela Furr poses with some of her friends from Co-Lin in 2002. (From left) Nina Fischer Strother, Furr, Ashley Givens Henderson, Sherrie McFadden Welch, Misti Fortenberry Ready and Lindsey Smith Armstrong.

Save the date for our upcoming events

October 22 — Alumni Tennis Tournament

February 4 — 11th annual Princess Ball

Foundation Golf Tournaments

April 28 — 21st Annual Natchez Golf Classic, Beau Pre' Country Club

May 18 — 28st Annual Wesson Golf Classic, Wolf Hollow Golf Course

For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 601-643-8313.

50 years of Co-Lin in Natchez

by Julia V. Miller

For 50 years, Copiah-Lincoln Community College has partnered with the Natchez community to help bring quality higher education to the Miss-Lou area.

Co-Lin's second campus was established in 1972 when the Mississippi Legislature passed a measure to convert the University of Southern Mississippi Resident Center into a degree granting center.

"We needed a community college presence in Natchez for high school students that were graduating and couldn't afford to go to college for one reason or another and needed to continue their education in the area," said Marion Smith, former state senator who represented the area from 1960 to 1972.

Melton King, chairman of Co-Lin's Board of Trustees, recalled that some community leaders were seeking to work more closely with Alcorn A&M, prompting USM to withdraw from the area.

"This is where certain leaders in Natchez stepped up and became very interested and approached Copiah-Lincoln Community College to come to Natchez," he said.

Dr. Billy Thames was the Co-Lin president at that time, and he immediately saw the demand for higher education in the area.

"This college is here because of the people. It's here because of elected people like your Board of Supervisors," he said. "The Board of Supervisors, in the early years, they were the powers that be."

> *"We're not just doing our job teaching school, but we are a* **COMMUNITY** *college."*
>
> **Carolyn Vance Smith**
> *First Co-Lin Natchez employee and founder of the Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration*

Although there was some debate about whether or not a new community college district composed of just Adams County should be formed, the Junior College Commission in Jackson ultimately thought the best step forward would be a formal affiliation with Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson.

"I thought [it] was the appropriate thing to do," Smith said. "In fact, I spoke for Co-Lin at that hearing."

The Natchez campus started out utilizing buildings owned by the city in Duncan Park and spaces rented from Natchez-Adams High School. In 1973, the Natchez campus moved to a former elementary school located in the town of Washington.

"We were growing by leaps and bounds, and we were in a rented, abandoned school called Central School at the beginning," Carolyn Vance Smith, the first Co-Lin Natchez employee and founder of the Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration, recalled. "Central School was not central to town. It was central to the county."

In 1981, the Natchez campus was forced to move again when the highway department decided to expand the highway to four lanes. They relocated to another old school owned by the Natchez-Adams County School system.

"That was a learning experience to move campus from one place to another and finding the right combination of where the classrooms are going to be versus office space," said Dr. Howell Garner, former dean of the Natchez campus and a retired Co-Lin president.

It was not until 1986 that state funds became available to build a new building, the Redd-Watkins Vocational-Technical Building, on the 165-acre site where the campus is still located today.

In the spring of 1989, Smith had the idea to bring a conference to the Natchez Campus. She and Dr. Garner were out of town at a major conference when inspiration struck her.

"What if we did something like this in Natchez to get the attention of the community?" she said. "We're not just doing our job teaching school, but we are a community college."

Smith argued Natchez was already a tourist town, and this would entice people to spend the weekend in Natchez, eat meals out and buy gas at the filling station. Dr. Garner quickly jumped on board.

"He said 'Put something on paper. That sounds good," she remembered. "'Let's go to the Board of Trustees with that.'"

By June 1990, they had organized the very first Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration. Since then, the event has grown, and it even featured Maya Angelou as a guest speaker one year.

In 1993, the Natchez campus continued to

Leadership in Natchez over the years

Dr. Eddie Smith
1972–1980

Dr. Ed Meadows
1985–1989

Travis Thornton
1990–1996

Dr. Ronnie Nettles
1997–2004

Teresa Busby
2006–2019

Dr. Howell Garner
1980–1985

Sandra Davidson
1989–1990

Dr. Paul Johnson
1996–1997

Gwen McCalip
2004–2006

Dr. Sandra Barnes
2019–Present

grow with the addition of a $4.6 million academic complex. The Tom Reed Academic Center was completed in 1996, and it allowed for the campus to increase academic, career-technical and short-term training opportunities for the Miss-Lou area.

The year after the new facility opened, Dr. Ronnie Nettles took the helm at the Natchez campus. During those years, enrollment grew.

"A program that had really started with Dr. Garner years earlier in trying to develop a new facility in Natchez, we continued doing that," Nettles said.

The leadership quickly realized they needed to expand some more.

"I remember often telling the story we had a respiratory care lab next to a welding lab. Those two things didn't really go together," he said.

When Nettles left Natchez for Wesson to serve as president of Co-Lin, one of his priorities was to build a new health science building on the Natchez campus. Once the Board of Supervisors made the decision to support the funding of that building, plans were put in place to build the $4.2 million Howell Garner Instructional Building.

"Most important to me was we were able to dedicate that building in honor of Dr. Garner, who had had a lot to do with the campus over a long period of time," Nettles said. "I thought it was appropriate to do that, and the Board of Trustees agreed, and we were able to dedicate that building in his honor."

That affection is mutually held by Garner to this day.

"I enjoyed that job about as much as any job you could have," he said. "That's the best job I ever had probably when I was dean there."

The latest addition to the Natchez campus was the Diesel Equipment Technology Lab that opened in 2021. Today the campus is under the leadership of Dr. Sandra Barnes.

"I'm honored to serve as vice president here at Natchez campus," she said. "Whether our students are transferring to a university or entering the workforce, we prepare them well."

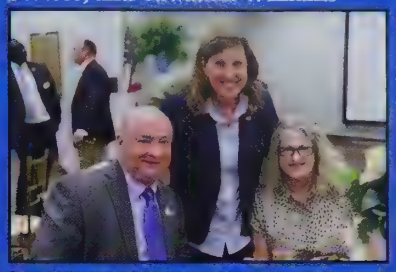
Co-Lin President Dr. Jane Hulon Sims attributes the success at the Natchez campus to the strong relationship with the Board of Supervisor, who appoint trustees to serve on the Co-Lin Board of Trustees.

"We are so proud to have served the Natchez community for 50 years," she said. "We strive to continually strengthen our partnership with city leaders and the business community. Natchez is an important part of the Co-Lin family. As we look to the future, we continue to look for new ways to invest in our students, this campus and the Natchez community. We are so excited for the next 50 years of success in Natchez."

Additional reporting by Scarlett Hart and Corey Hart

(Center) Dr. Sandra Barnes, vice president of the Natchez Campus, and Dr. Felecia Navr, president of Alcorn State University, are joined by staff and administrators of ASU.

Kathleen Bond, National Park Service, and Tuwanna Williams



Dr. Ronnie Nettles, Dr. Jane Hulon Sims and Teresa Busby

> *We are so excited for the next 50 years of success in Natchez.*

Dr. Jane Hulon Sims
Co- Lin President

Lynwood Easterling, Board of Trustees member, Susie Bates and Dr. Dewayne Middleton, executive vice president of Co-Lin.

Dr. Ronnie Nettles, Dr. Howell Garner, Dr. Sandra Barnes, Teresa Busby, Dr. Billy Thames and Dr. Jane Hulon Sims.

Dan Gibson, Natchez mayor, and Dr. Billy B. Thames.

Board of Trustees members, Dr. Troy Stewart and Dante Weir.

Natchez Campus employees, Denise Thibodeaux and Beth Richard

Co-Lin Foundation welcomes new board members

The Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation recently elected six new members to its board: James Brown, Aimee Guido, John C. Hughes, Stephen McNulty, Dustin Walker and Marney Walker.

The Co-Lin Foundation welcomes its new board members: (from left) John C. Hughes, Aimee Guido, James Brown, Dustin Walker, Stephen McNulty and Marney Walker.

James Brown

James Brown, of Natchez, is a 2005 graduate of Co-Lin, a 2012 graduate of Northwestern State University, where he received a degree in business administration, and a 2019 graduate of Louisiana State University's Graduate School of Banking. He currently works as the senior vice president of Delta Bank.

Brown is a member of the Natchez Rotary Club and the Santa Clause Committee, and he serves as an advisory committee member for the Business and Marketing Management program on Co-Lin's Natchez campus.

He and his wife, Amy, have two children: James, 10, and Julia, 7.

Aimee Guido

Aimee Guido, of Natchez, is a 2005 Co-Lin graduate, and she received a Bachelor of Education from Delta State University and a Master of Education from the University of Southern Mississippi. She currently works as a project manager at Natchez, Inc., and she is a former instructor for Co-Lin.

Guido is a member of the Historic Natchez Foundation and Natchez Garden Club, and she currently serves as a board member of the Ellis Laine Malone Foundation.

John C. Hughes

John Hughes, of Brookhaven, is a graduate of Brookhaven High School and Nashville Auto Diesel College. He currently works as branch manager of Waters International Trucks, Inc. in Natchez.

Hughes has served on the Southwest Mississippi Regional Railroad Authority and the NADC/Lincoln Technical Advisory Committee.

He and his wife, Christie, have four children: Baylie Hughes, Stephen Harris, Jena Hughes and Jona Hughes. Two of their children currently attend Co-Lin.

Stephen McNulty

Stephen McNulty, of Bude, is 1976 graduate of Co-Lin. He received his bachelor's degree in supply chain management from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1979 and his master's degree from Arizona State University in 2012. He is retired after a career in the oil and gas industry.

Dustin Walker

Dustin Walker, of Brookhaven, is a 1989 graduate of Co-Lin and a 1992 graduate of Mississippi State University, where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration. He currently works as city president at BankPlus.

Walker is a past president of several organizations within his community, including the Brookhaven-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce, Krewe of Ceres, Brookhaven Servitium Club and Brookhaven-Lincoln County Mississippi State University Alumni Association. He has also served as chairman of the Lincoln Civic Center baseball committee, First Baptist Church deacons committee and First Baptist Church finance committee.

He and his wife, Stacy, have two children: Alice Walker Malmstrom and her husband, Jake, and Gatson Walker, who was a member of the Co-Lin class of 2022.

Marney Walker

Marney Walker, of Magee, is a 1999 graduate of Simpson Academy and a 2001 graduate of Co-Lin. He received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2002, a master's degree from Belhaven College in 2005 and an Education Specialist degree from Mississippi College in 2009. He currently works at Peoples Bank in Mendenhall.

Walker is an active member of Goodwater Baptist Church, the Mississippi Bankers Association, the Mississippi and Simpson County Ducks Unlimited, the Simpson County Economic Development Foundation and the Simpson Academy Board of Directors.

He and his wife, DeShea, have three children: Kade, 15, Kolt, 13, and Lucy, 11.

"I am excited to add these new members to our board," Angela Furr, executive director of the Co-Lin Foundation, said. "Each one brings a unique skillset and network to the table that I look forward to utilizing in our efforts to support the college."

Foundation Board elects new officers

Bill Salters, of Vidalia, is the new president of the board of directors of the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation. He follows Dr. Donald Cotten of Hattiesburg. Lauren Adkins, of Magee, also joins the board as vice president. Sarah Johnson and Charles Hart are continuing to serve as secretary and treasurer of the board.

Salters graduated from Co-Lin in 1975. He graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1978 and from the University of Georgia's Executive Management School of Banking in 1985. He later earned a Master of Business Administration from Alcorn State University in 2002. He has worked in banking for more than 38 years, and currently works as the Chief Financial Officer for Concordia Bank in Vidalia, Louisiana. Salters has been a member of the Co-Lin Foundation Board since 2001.

Salters

Adkins

Adkins of Magee is a 2008 graduate of Co-Lin where she was president of Phi Beta Lambda, a member of the President's Council, and was named Business Office Technology Student of the Year. She is also a 2017 graduate of the Mississippi School of Banking. Adkins has worked at PriorityOne Bank in Magee since 2012 where she has served as vice president and loan officer. Adkins has been a member of the Co-Lin Foundation Board since 2021.

Members who completed their term on the Foundation Board include Robbie Barnes of Simpson County, 22 years of service; Andrew Calvit of Adams County, 18 years of service; Terry Estes of Adams County, 18 years of service; Danita McClelland Hobbs of Lincoln County, 9 years of service; Kenny Goza of Lincoln County, 17 years of service; Geralyn Russell of Lincoln County, 13 years of service; and Tammy Underwood Torrey of Franklin County, 18 years of service.

Legacy Fountain honors Co-Lin presidents, past and present

The Co-Lin Foundation recently dedicated the Legacy Fountain in honor of all former Co-Lin presidents and their families who have occupied the president's home campus. The fountain was installed in front of the president's home on campus.

Present for the ceremony were Dr. Ronnie Nettles (president 2008–2018) and wife Rosie, Dr. Howell Garner (president 1997–2008) and wife Candace, Dr. Billy B. Thames (president 1968–1997) with wife Martha, and daughters Rachel Thames Peeples and Rebecca Thames Wilson and their spouses, Margaret Ewing Thomas, daughter of late president Dr. James Ewing (president 1932–1956), and Dr. Jane Hulon Sims (president 2019–present).

Janet Smith, daughter of Willie H. Smith (acting president 1943–1945), Dr. James Ewing, Jr., son of Dr. James Ewing, were able to attend a luncheon with Thomas at a later date to see the fountain dedicated in their honor.

Dr. Howell Garner, Dr. Billy B. Thames, Dr. Jane Hulon Sims and Dr. Ronnie Nettles.

Janet Smith, daughter of Willie H. Smith, and Dr. James Ewing, Jr., ('54) and Margaret Ewing Thomas ('56), children of Dr. James Ewing.

Dr. Billy B. Thames and his wife, Martha, with daughters Rachel Thames Peeples ('83) and husband, Larry, and Rebecca Thames Wilson ('87) and husband, Brent.

New scholarships ESTABLISHED

Jack and Zelda Millstein Scholarship

Dr. Sandra Barnes, vice president of the Natchez Campus, Kevin Smith, senior vice president of United Mississippi Bank and representative of the scholarship, and Executive Director Angela Furr.

The Jack and Zelda Millstein Scholarship was recently endowed with the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation by Zelda Millstein's estate. This scholarship was established to benefit a Natchez campus student with a 3.0 GPA and who demonstrates financial need.

Zelda Millstein was an educator during her lifetime, and she and her husband were dedicated to educating children in the Natchez-Adams County area. She provided for a significant amount of funds resulting from her estate to be used to provide funds to students in need of financial assistance who showed scholastic excellence. Millstein's mission was to provide financial assistance to students who are qualified to attend college but without the financial assistance would not be able to attend college. She was an avid volunteer in the Natchez community and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Marjorie Aiken Rector Memorial Scholarship

Executive Director Angela Furr, Brent Duguid and Dr. Stephanie Duguid

The Marjorie Aiken Rector Memorial Scholarship was recently endowed with the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation. Rector's daughter, Dr. Stephanie Rector Duguid, Dean of Academics at Co-Lin, and her husband Brent Duguid, Dean of Career-Tech at Co-Lin, along with donations from other friends and family of Marjorie Rector, established this scholarship to benefit students pursuing a degree in education, nursing or social work to share Rector's passion for education, her life of giving and supporting those in need.

Born the youngest of five on February 18, 1940, Rector's passion for education was instilled from a young age by her mother who had a goal that all her children would attend and earn a college degree. Rector went on to earn both a bachelor's and a master's degree before beginning her career in teaching. At the end of August 2001, Rector was in a fatal single car accident. She was 61 years old.

"My mother was the typical Texas woman with big hair, a big personality, and an even bigger heart," said Stephanie Duguid. "She cared for everyone around her, especially the students she taught for more than 40 years. Mom believed that with quality post-secondary education, you can do anything."

The scholarship was endowed on February 18, on what would have been Rector's 82nd birthday.

Contributions to any Foundation scholarship, can be mailed to the Co-Lin Foundation at P.O. Box 649, Wesson, MS 39191, or made online at https://www.colin.edu/alumni-foundation/give-now/. For more information about establishing a new scholarship in memory or in honor of a loved one, call the alumni office today!

Winnie Mae Rich Hennington Smith Memorial Scholarship

The Winnie Mae Rich Hennington Smith Memorial Scholarship was recently endowed with the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation by Dr. George and Mrs. Zoula Huffman, of Wesson. This scholarship was established to benefit a non-traditional student who is enrolled in the LPN program at the Wesson campus.

Mrs. Hennington Smith was born April 30, 1916 in Magnolia to Zena and Henry Rich. She grew up in Wesson and graduated from Copiah-Lincoln High School in 1934 and graduated from the college in 1936.

After college, she married William Henry (Bill) Hennington, and they had three children: William Henry, who died in infancy, Zoula Mae and James Caroll.

When her husband died suddenly at 56, she found herself in her mid-fifties with no real marketable skill to make a living. She applied for and was accepted into the LPN program at Co-Lin.

She was the oldest in the class but, not surprisingly, graduated as Salutatorian. She worked for KDMC for a few years before returning to Co-Lin to serve as the school nurse and dorm mother, a position she very much enjoyed.

Executive Director Angela Furr, Zoula Huffman and Dr. George Huffman

She reconnected with a college friend, Mathew Butler Smith, during a campus Homecoming. They were married in 1988 and spent many happy years together in retirement.

Robert and Kathryn McRae/Rex Lumber Annual Scholarship

Doug Boykin, general manager of the Brookhaven location, Caroline Dauzat, owner, Angela Furr, executive director of the Co-Lin Foundation, and Tom Myers, vice president of people.

The Robert and Kathryn McRae/Rex Lumber Annual Scholarship was recently established with the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation by Rex Lumber. This scholarship was established to benefit four to five students from Copiah or Lincoln County who are pursuing a degree in Automation and Control Technology, Welding, Precision Machining Technology, Electronics Engineering Technology or Electrical Technology, with a priority to relatives of Rex Lumber recipients.

Rex Lumber was established in 1926 in Graceville, Florida, and has had a location in Brookhaven since 2009. They specialize in Southern Yellow Pine lumber manufacturing.

Sandra H. Friedman Liverman Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Steven Liverman of Wesson and Executive Director Angela Furr

The Sandra H. Friedman Liverman Memorial Scholarship was recently endowed with the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation by Liverman's husband, Dr. Steven Liverman of Wesson. The scholarship will benefit a student on the Wesson campus wishing to pursue an education in nursing or medicine.

Sandra Liverman grew up in a "medical family," where her father was a general practice physician in Wesson for 57 years and her mother and maternal grandmother were nurses. She married Dr. Steven Liverman, a family practice physician who served the Wesson community for 38 years before retiring in December 2021.

Liverman attended Wesson Attendance Center and graduated from Miami Beach Senior High School. She later attended Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Millsaps College, and the University of Southern Mississippi where she earned a bachelor's degree in English in 1973. She also attended Jackson State University, New York University, and University of Mississippi School of Nursing before graduating from Mississippi College with a bachelor's degree in nursing in 1978.

She took great interest in psychiatric nursing, patients' rights, and curbing domestic violence. Liverman was also a strong advocate for children's rights and welfare, and civil rights. She was a breastfeeding advocate and became a La Leche League Leader in Wesson and Brookhaven.

Foundation Hall of Fame

The Co-Lin Foundation inducted six new members into its Hall of Fame at a banquet held March 31 at the Thames Center on the college's Wesson Campus. Pictured with Foundation Board President Dr. Donald Cotten (far left) were those inducted for the 2021 class. From left: Dr. Robert Williams of Hattiesburg, Dr. Jane Hulon Sims of Wesson, James Larry Greer of Ridgeland, Velesta and Gwyn Young of Wesson, Drs. Robert and Dianne (not pictured) Watson of Brookhaven, and Carolyn Vance Smith and her husband, Marion, both of Natchez.

Dr. Melody Musgrove, the Nathan Steele Foundation, Dr. Billy B. and Anne Thames, Gene Haas Foundation and Dr. Kenneth Walley were also recognized for their continued giving milestones.

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Back The Pack:

Sullivan Field gets facelift

Co-Lin broke ground on the new facility at Sullivan Field this summer. This phase of facility upgrades has several important components including new dugouts, infield turf, field work, major drainage work, new bull pens, new backstop, new fencing and new Musco Lighting.

"We are very excited to start phase one of upgrades to Sullivan Field," said Co-Lin Athletic Director Bryan Nobile. "This is something that many, many people have worked hard on behind the scenes for quite some time. These upgrades are much needed, and we are looking forward to having our guys compete on a brand-new field."

Construction is scheduled to be completed in early spring of 2023.

"I believe the facility upgrades we're making will allow us to attract high level baseball players," said new head baseball coach Adam Chamblee. "Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of our Board of Trustees and college administration. We're extremely thankful that they're making such exciting things happen for Co-Lin baseball."

"The Co-Lin Board of Trustees is to be congratulated for its support in facility upgrades to propel the Wolf Pack baseball program into the next era," said Co-Lin President Dr. Jane Hulon Sims.

COLUMNS AVAILABLE!!

Individuals, families, businesses or groups are invited to purchase commemorative brick columns at Sullivan Baseball Field for $6,000 each.

For more information on purchasing a column or exploring other naming opportunities, contact Angela Furr, Executive Director of the Co-Lin Foundation, at 601-643-8332.

phase 1

- [x] Tennis
- [x] Golf
- [x] Football

phase 2

- [x] Football
- [x] Softball

phase 3

In progress

- [ ] Baseball
- [ ] Basketball

Congratulations

Dorothy Kemp (attended) was recognized posthumously for her art talent by The Copiah Monitor.

Tommy Ashley ('82) was selected as STAR Teacher by Crystal Springs High School senior Leonardo Rodriguez.

Smith

Janet Campbell Smith ('84) was honored as Educator of the Year by the Brookhaven-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce in April. She is also a retired Co-Lin art instructor.

Falana McDaniel ('02) was nominated for the Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year in the junior division of the National History Day National Contest. The award is presented in recognition of the pivotal role teachers play in the lives of students.

McDaniel

William Campbell ('16) was nominated for North Mississippi Medical Center's Excellence in Mentorship Award in conjunction with National Nurses Week. Campbell completed the ADN program at Co-Lin and received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Delta State University.

Jackie Martin ('17) received the Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished College Administrator Award.

Kyle Graves ('20) charted in the iTunes U.S. Singer/Songwriter Top 40 with his debut release, "The Autumn Sessions."

Wedding Bells

Dixon

Octavia Jones ('13) married Alexis Dixon on June 26, 2021.

Julie Kramer ('17) married **Noah McLaurin** ('17) on March 25, 2022.

Kylie Hux ('20) married **Bobby Pritchard** ('19) on April 9, 2022.

Cade

Molly Burke ('19) married Colby Cade on April 23, 2022.

Anna Thomas ('22) married William Griffith on April 23, 2022.

Jordan Nettles married Alex Reuff on April 23, 2022. Nettles is the daughter of former Co-Lin president Ronnie Nettles.

Lauren Hatcher ('16) married **Sawyer Evans** ('15) on May 7, 2022.

Lesley Leigh Walker married **Powell Smith** ('20) on May 14, 2022.

Roberts

Karly Forman ('13) married Chance Roberts on May 14, 2022.

Ariel Allgood married **Trey Chassion** ('15) on May 27, 2022.

Cloud

Gracie Byrne ('18) married Hunter Cloud on May 28, 2022.

Skylar Hall married **Adam Martinez** ('20) on June 4, 2022.

Wycoff

Katie Grace Culpepper ('17) married Clint Wycoff on June 11, 2022.

Tabitha Erwin ('15) married Donovan Moore on June 11, 2022.

In Memoriam

Walter W. Mann Jr. ('50) passed away August 20, 2021. Mann was a member of the Sports Hall of Fame.

Frances Lanette Haley Jordan ('59) passed away August 22, 2021.

Carmen Hill ('84) passed away September 4, 2021.

Mary Martha Smith Hudson ('58) passed away December 4, 2021.

Danny Lea ('61) passed away January 7, 2022.

John Thomas Wyles ('92) passed away Jan. 30, 2022.

Treppendahl

Betty Jo Treppendahl ('56) passed away February 2, 2022. She was inducted into the Band & Colette Hall of Fame in 2009.

Marinia Faye Smith ('97) passed away February 2, 2022.

Robert Britt ('53) passed away Feb. 9, 2022.

Joan Russell Jolly passed away March 15, 2022. She served as a long-time member of the Co-Lin Board of Trustees.

Katrina Catherine Cowen Smith (attended) passed away March 26, 2022.

Roberts

Kenneth Roberts passed away March 27, 2022. Roberts served as police chief on the Wesson campus for nearly 30 years.

Sherry Janelle "Jan" Dickerson Little ('81) passed away April 8,

2022. She was a member of Colettes.

Little

Cleonae Farmer Reid ('53) passed away April 10, 2022. She was a member of the Colette's and a former employee of Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

Minnie Farnham (attended) passed away April 11, 2022.

Alton Bond Sutton ('63) passed away April 17, 2022.

Haley Dufresne ('11) passed away April 24, 2022.

Clayton Pryce Kirby ('22) passed away May 21, 2022.

Debra Gail Thompson Case (attended) passed away May 23, 2022.

Minnie Wooten passed away May 23, 2022. She served as a board member of Copiah Lincoln Community College.

Alice Lee ('93) passed away June 3, 2022.

Evelyn Louise Hutson ('64) passed away June 7, 2022.

Ann Runyan passed away June 30, 2022. She was a retired library clerk on the Wesson Campus.

Brown

Charlotte Brown ('50) passed away July 3, 2022. She was named Copiah-Lincoln Community College Alumna of the Year 2011.

Vance Brown ('49) passed away Aug. 18, 2022. He was a member of the 1948–49 football team, and he was a former president of the Athletic Alumni Association.

New Arrivals

Allie ('17, '19, '22) and Haley **Breazeale** are proud parents of Anniston Baylor, born December 15, 2021.

Breazeale

Samanta Ramirez ('16) and **Stephen Owen** ('16) are proud parents of Sofia Kathryn, born December 22, 2021.

Ramirez

Amber and Seth **Beall** are proud parents of Ava Nichole, born December 28, 2021. Amber is the a softball coach at Co-Lin.

Lakyn ('19) and Brandon **Bullock** are proud parents of Harlen Paul, born February 3, 2022.

Bullock

Sally and **Steven ('08) Covington** are proud parents of William Kendall, born February 7, 2022.

Covington

Kellie ('10) and Ben **McRee** are proud parents of James Asher, born March 2, 2022.

Ann Shelby (attended) and **Josh** ('14) **Smith** are proud parents of Lillie Kay, born March 2, 2022.

Smith

Sara ('07) and **Jesse** ('01) **Scott** are proud parents of Helen James, born March 7, 2022.

Scott

Hannah ('15) and Doug **Stewart** are proud parents of Conner Mark, born March 8, 2022.

Candice ('11) and **Matthew** ('14) **Cliburn** are proud parents of Marley Rae, born March 22, 2022.

Cliburn

Dannah ('15) and **Dylan Jackson** ('15) are Co-Lin alumn are proud parents of Liam James Jackson, born August 9, 2022.

Jackson

Trey and **Brandi Irvin Hough** ('05) welcomed a son, Asher Jace Hough on August 31, 2022. Brandi is a past president of the Alumni Association. Proud grandfather is retired welding instructor and current Foundation Board member **Bruce Irvin** ('70).

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On the Cover

Members of the 1974 Trillium staff, Natchez section, gather to work on the yearbook. They include (from left) Don Geter, Jeanne Varnado, Yvonne McNeil, Theresa Moore, Joe Gallendar, editor; Carolyn Vance Smith, advisor; Mary Ellen Bee, Freddy Frost, Jackie Campbell and Nelwyn Lee.

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